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Dear 8(e) Coordinator:

This letter is to inform you of the preliminary results of a series of four- and six-hour rangefinding inhalation exposures conducted in rats with perfluoropentene-2 (PFP, CAS#72804-49-0) at concentrations of 2800 to 5000 ppm. Immediately after a single six-hour exposure at 5000 ppm, 2 of 6 rats showed severe convulsions over a period of about 10 minutes. One of the convulsing rats subsequently showed hind limb paralysis possibly as a result of an injury incurred during convulsions. No convulsions were observed in other exposures with PFP below 5000 ppm; however, there was a reduced response to a sound stimulus observed when rats were exposed at 2800 ppm and higher.

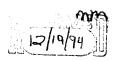
The above clinical signs appear to meet the criteria for substantial risk reporting, as described in EPA's June 1991 "TSCA Section 8(e) Reporting Guide". Note, however, that submission of this information is not meant to imply that DuPont considers these findings to reasonably support a conclusion that exposure to PFP results in a substantial risk to health. Further, PFP is a site-limited research chemical used in closed equipment and there are no merchant sales and hence no public exposure to this compound.

Sincerely.

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EPA looks forward to continued cooperation with your organization in its ongoing efforts to evaluate and manage potential risks posed by chemicals to health and the environment.

Sincerely,

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ACUTE INHALATION TOXICITY IN RATS IS OF LOW CONCERN. SINGLE 6-HOUR EXPOSURES OF 2800 PPM TO 5000 PPM TO GROUPS OF 6 RATS EACH WERE ASSOCIATED SIGNS OF NEUROTOXICITY INCLUDING SEVERE CONVULSIONS AND HIND LIMB PARALYSIS (2/6 RATS AT 5000 PPM) AND REDUCED RESPONSE TO SOUND (2800 PPM AND HIGHER). NO DEATHS WERE NOTED.

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